

MurrENEWS – October 05, 2007
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
Educating Murray since 1906!

MurrE-QUOTE

You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old.
– George Burns 1896-1996, American comedian and actor

ENERGY SAVERS OF THE WEEK: All from the District Office

DARLENE EVANS

KRISTI HANKINS

RANDI HORNSOMBATH

DEBBIE OTTESON

Previous Outstanding MCSD Energy Savers:
JOEL KJAR, District Technical Support Department
COLLEEN NADAULD, Viewmont Elementary computer aid

DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

As announced in the October 2, 2007 Deseret News
http://deseretnews.com/article/content/mobile/0_5223_695214900_00.html

Twenty-two school districts this year honored Teachers of the Year. State finalists have been chosen for and state winners will be named at a future date. The teacher named from Murray City School District this year is:

Rachelle Peterson – Parkside Elementary Extended Day Kindergarten teacher
CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL!

DISTRICT SUBFINDER INFO ONLINE

To find information about the Murray SubFinder online from home, go to
<http://www.mury.k12.ut.us/do/hr/index.htm>
Which is the Murray City School Districts main Human Resource page>Current Employee Information (left side of page)> SubFinder link (includes the phone number to call and the website with the log-on information.)

NEW FACE OF DRUGS COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

There will be a Family Evening Forum Presentation on the *New Face of Drugs* and how these drugs are being marketed to children on Thursday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. at Murray High School. All family members are welcome to attend and must be accompanied by a parent; childcare and children's groups are available during the session.

Substance Abuse is directly linked to academic failure and problem behaviors such as: truancy, delinquency, school drop out, and teen pregnancy. However, substance abuse is preventable. Fostering coping skills, academic achievement, and positive social skills help students make healthy choices. For more information, contact Deb Ashton, at 264-7460 ext. 5251.

MURRAY GET FIT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

... Bringing YOGA to Murray elementary schools

Get Fit, Don't Sit Murray is providing support for the new recommended Elementary PE state standards of 150 minutes per week. Implementation will begin in the 2008 - 2009 school year of the theme "Valuing activity, fitness, and nutrition as keys to creating and maintaining a life-long healthy lifestyle" partially through bringing Yoga to the elementary schools. Lisa Smiley, a

certified yoga instructor of 11 years, and a Horizon elementary parent, has begun a training of students and teachers in the basics of yoga. She is teaching the concepts, philosophy, and exercise movements of the life-long physical activity. This program will be used as an incentive and brought to those schools where all classroom teachers have trained in a physical education curriculum. Lisa will visit Viewmont Elementary in October and Longview Elementary in November. Get Fit, Don't Sit Murray plans to bring this incentive to the rest of Murray elementary schools in the near future.

Gold Medal School Kick-Off Event at Parkside Elementary October 8th, 1:30 PM

Parkside Elementary School has entered the Gold Medal School Program and will kick off their program with "Leo" the REAL Salt Lake mascot. With Parkside implementing the Gold Medal Schools program all Murray elementary schools are now on board with GMS. Riverview Junior High will be "piloting" the middle school program that will begin for the Gold Medal School Program next year.

Liberty Elementary Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Wednesday, October 3rd, a ribbon cutting ceremony took place for the new walking path that was recently completed at Liberty. This path was paved to promote physical fitness and walking at the school. Utah State Representative Tim Cosgrove was honored at the ceremony by being asked to cut the ribbon and kick off use of the track. The Liberty PTA and Get Fit, Don't Sit Murray Program worked together to bring the paved path to the school students and community.

Skate with the Grizz

Tuesday, November 6th, 7 – 9 pm

Salt Lake County Ice Center (5201 S. Murray Park Lane)

FREE Family Night

Come join Grizzbee and some Utah Grizzlies players at the Salt Lake County Ice Center and skate the night away with fun for the entire family! A drawing will be held for autographed Grizzlies memorabilia, so don't miss out.

GRADUATE PROGRAM INFO

from Rob McDaniel, District Personnel Director

The Department of Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Utah offers several graduate programs of interest to licensed Utah educators interested in obtaining additional credentials. Applications will be accepted from licensed educators wishing to pursue a Masters Degree and an administrative license. Licensed educators who already have a Masters degree are invited to apply to obtain an administrative license.

A new Masters program in Teacher Leadership is offered for those wanting to obtain a degree focused on school leadership with allied hours that accommodate an additional endorsement. Educators who complete the Masters in Teacher Leadership have the option to return to the department to complete requirements for administrative licensure. At the doctoral level applications are taken for Ed.D. and Ph.D. degrees. The Ed.D. Program is designed for people in administrative positions; the Ph.D. Program is designed for those wishing to pursue research and teaching careers. More information can be found at <http://elp.ed.utah.edu/gradprograms.htm>

You are invited to attend an information session in either Granite or Jordan School Districts.
Granite District: Wed., Oct. 17, Granite District Office HR Training Room, 2500 South State Street
Jordan District: Jordan School District Office Lab B, 9361 South 300 East, Sandy
Both: 4:00 p.m. Masters Programs; 5:00 p.m. Doctoral Programs

EDUCATOR APPRECIATION MONTH IN OCTOBER AT B&N

Educator Appreciation Week is Oct. 13th-21st at the 5249 South State Street Barnes & Noble in Murray. Teachers are invited to take advantage of special offers and events throughout the

month with special focus on an Educators' Reception which will be held on Wed., Oct. from 6-8 p.m. Author Becky Hall (*A is for Arches* and *Morris and Buddy*) will be present and there will also be gift baskets, giveaways, drawings and extra discounts that night for educators attending. Contact Community Relations Director Karina Kerr at 261-4853 for more details.

HOW TO START A SCHOOL GARDEN WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 13; 12 to 2 p.m. at Riley Elementary School (1410 S. 800 W., SLC)
It's been found that students who participate in school gardens eat healthier, improve their social skills, care more for their environment, and perform better in all academic subjects. If you are interested in developing a garden for your school, attend this workshop and learn from an experienced teacher who will show you how to start and sustain a school garden and integrate gardens into the classroom. You must reserve space by calling 801-359-2658. For teachers, a certificate of attendance for two hours will be awarded for relicensure points.

MurrE-TECHTIP – From Murray Schools Helpdesk Glossary

Firefox: "Were you using Firefox?" Firefox is another browser like Microsoft's Internet Explorer. It is easy to use, free and safer than Internet Explorer. If you're not using it now, give it a try.

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

October Begins the use of the District SubFinder for Teachers Needing Subs

10/5 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes
10/5 – Football: MHS Homecoming vs. West, 7 PM
10/5, 6 – Girls Utah Volleyball Classic @ Highland HS
10/5, 6 – Girls JV Volleyball Tourney @ Cottonwood HS
10/8 to 10/12 – **Red Ribbon Week:** "Create Your Future ... Safe & Drug Free!"
10/8 – Parkside Elementary Gold Medal School Kick-Off Event, 1:30 PM
10/9 – Murray Girl's Volleyball home vs East, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
10/9 – Boys HS Soccer Region Play-Offs
10/9 – MHS Choir Concert, 7 PM
10/10 – Murray Council PTA Meeting, DO, 10 AM; Board Mtg. 9:30 AM
10/10 – Boys & Girls X-Country Region Play-Offs @ Cottonwood Cplx 4302 S. 1300 E., 1 PM
10/10 – Teacher Tech Showcase & Tech Grant Application Mtg, MHS Little Theater, 3:45 PM
10/10 – Riverview JH Band/Orchestra Concert, 7 to 8 PM
10/10 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM
10/11 – Murray Girl's Volleyball home vs Cottonwood, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
10/11 – 10/10 – Riverview JH Band Concert, 7 to 8 PM
10/11 – *The New Face of Drugs* Family Evening Forum Presentation, MHS, 7 PM
10/12 – Football: MHS @ Olympus, 7 PM
10/16 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Alta, Kearns, Skyline; 3:30 PM
10/16 – Murray Girl's Volleyball home vs Highland, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
10/16, 17 – MHS Band Concert, 7 PM nightly
10/17 – Boys & Girls X-Country State Championship @ Sugarhouse Park
10/18 – Murray Girl's Volleyball @ Olympus, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
10/18 – Riverview JH Choir Concert, 6:30 to 9 PM
10/18 – Football: MHS @ home vs. Highland, 7 PM
10/18 & 10/20 – Boys HS Soccer State Tournament
10/19 – (Friday) FIRST TERM ENDS (44 days)
10/19 & 10/20 – Girls Sophomore Volleyball Tourney @ West HS
10/22 – Professional Development Teacher Work Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
10/23 – Murray Girl's Volleyball @ Granger, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
10/25 – Murray Girl's Volleyball @ West, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
10/29 & 10/30 – UEA BREAK (Note: Monday and Tuesday this year)
11/2 & 11/3 – Girl's State Volleyball Tournament
11/6 – Swim Team Region Relay Meet @ Murray; 3:30 PM

11/7 & 11/8 – Elementary Parent-Teacher SEP Conferences
11/8, 9, 10, 12 – “Cinderella” musical production, MHS, 7 PM; Students \$4, Adults \$5, At door \$6
11/9 – Elementary Teacher SEP Compensatory Day – NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY
11/13 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Olympus; 3:30 PM
11/14 – Murray Council PTA Meeting, DO, 10 AM; Board Mtg. 9:30 AM
11/14 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM
11/14 – Grant Elementary Moms & Muffins Reading Activity; contact the school for more info.
11/17 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Cedar City; 8:30 AM
11/20 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Brighton, Hunter, Lone Peak; 6 PM
11/21 to 11/23 – THANKSGIVING BREAK
11/27 – Swim Meet: MHS vs East, Judge, Orem @ Steiner; 3:30 PM
11/29 – MHS Choir Concert, 7 PM
12/4 – Swim Meet: MHS vs Highland @ Fairmont; 3:30 PM
12/5 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM
12/11 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Granger; 3:30 PM
12/14 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes
12/18 – Swim Meet: MHS vs West @ Steiner; 3:30 PM
12/24/07 to 1/01/08 – WINTER BREAK
1/2/08 – School Resumes
1/3 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Cottonwood; 3:30 PM
1/8 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Cyprus; 2:30 PM
1/10 – (Wednesday) 2nd TERM ENDS (46 days)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

For more information, contact Denise McDougal at the Murray School District offices, 264-7487;
dmcdougal@murrayschools.org

LICENSED OPENINGS:

Biology/Science – Hillcrest Junior High (one year contract) *** chg.
Specifications: Secondary Utah Educator License with endorsements in Health and Social Studies Composite or American Studies, U.S. Studies or History.
Salary: 2007-08 Teacher Salary Schedule
Application Process: Submit licensed application to Robert McDaniel, Director of Personnel & Student Services
Closing Date: Until filled

Special Education Teacher – Riverview JH

Specifications: Special Education (K-12) License with Mild-Moderate Endorsement
Application Process: Submit licensed application to Wendy Bills, Supervisor, At-Risk Programs
Salary: 2007-08 Teacher Salary Schedule
Closing date: Until filled

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

Outreach Mentor – Murray High School; Coordinates with school administrators, counselors, and social workers to determine who could benefit from additional support to the student's parent (s) to promote academic success at school.

Job Specifications: Experience in an educational system, knowledge of strength-based assessments, familiar with community resources and ability to effectively functions as a team member by coordinating support to students and families.

Hours: Up to 10 hours per week

Salary: Teaching Assistant III / Pay Grade 7; \$10.78 to \$12.34

Closing Date: Until filled

Daytime Substitute Custodians – Murray High School

Responsibilities: Help with the operation, upkeep and cleaning of the assigned school building

Job Specifications: part-time on an as needed basis
Salary: \$10.78 per hour

Teaching Assistant II – Indian Education Mentor Advocate – Murray High School
Responsibilities: Serve as teaching assistant helping to support Native American Indian high school students in a variety of situations to strengthen their academic achievement.
Specifications: 15 hours per week
Job Classification: Teaching Assistant II
Salary Range: \$9.24 (entry) to \$10.58 (mid-level)
Closing Date: Until filled

Teaching Assistant III – Murray High School
Responsibilities: Assist teacher working with students in Woodshop and Autoshop classes
Job Specifications: 19 hours per week
Salary Range: \$10.78 to \$12.34, dependent upon education and/or experience
Closing Date: Until Filled

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